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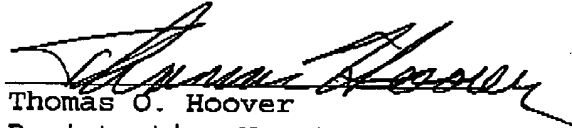
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : William Cohn  
Application No. : 09/307,195  
Filed : May 7, 1999  
Confirmation No. : 4520  
For : SURGICAL RETRACTOR  
Examiner : Jeffrey A. Smith  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application. Authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$790.00) per §1.17(e).

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- ☒ [X] Amendment/Reply
- ☐ [] Affidavit/Declaration
- ☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ [X] A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 month(s) is hereby made, under provisions of §1.136(a); authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 in the amount of (\$1,020.00) for the cost of same
- ☒ [X] Other: Amendment Transmittal